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IN RE APPLICATION OF :
HIDEO ANDO, ET AL. : EXAMINER: BOCCIO, VINCENT
SERIAL NO: 10/060,267 : GROUP ART UNIT: 2615
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PETITION TO WITHDRAW FROM ISSUE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.313(c)

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
ALEXANDRIA, VA 22313

ATTN: OFFICE OF PETITIONS

SIR:

This is a petition to withdraw the above-identified application from issue pursuant to 37 CFR §1.313(c)(2) so that a Request for Continuation Examination Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114(a)(1) and an Information Disclosure Statement may be considered upon the granting of this petition.

In accordance with 37 CFR §1.17(i) the required fee for filing this 37 CFR §1.313 petition is included herewith.

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the petition be granted, that the above-identified application be withdrawn from issue, and that the Request for Continued Examination and the accompanying amendment be considered.

Accordingly, an action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

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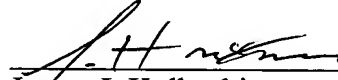
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If there are any questions regarding this Petition or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

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